SYLLABUS – CLINICAL NUTRITION NDFS 6250

Credit Hours: NDFS 6250 – 9 credits

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Office Hours: Please schedule via email

Course Description:
NDFS 6250 comprises both didactic and supervised practice experience components. The course is part of the Utah State University Dietetic Internship Program and meets part of the requirements for a dietetic internship as outlined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition & Dietetics (ACEND).

Didactic/Practicum Hours:
The 13-week rotation is a combination of didactic and supervised practice. Supervised practice hours are completed at clinical facilities, including acute-care hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient clinics and wellness centers, dialysis centers, eating disorder treatment facilities, home PN/EN programs, and diabetes centers. Didactic hours are comprised of internet-based modules on a variety of topics in advanced clinical nutrition. The comprehensive clinical exam Clinical Practice Exam will cover questions from Domains I and II from the CDR Registration Examination for Dietitians Study Outline, including normal nutrition, nutrition care process, education and counseling, and research.

Objectives
After completing this course students will be able to:
- Effectively apply clinical skills and competency to provide appropriate medical nutrition therapy (MNT) and other nutrition care in a variety of medical and health care settings.
- Analyze and critically evaluate clinical ideas, practices, and procedures.
- Function as a productive member of the clinical team and as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
- Effectively find and use appropriate resources to solve clinical questions and problems.
- Apply clinical didactic knowledge while working in various clinical areas.
- Demonstrate at least entry level proficiency of ACEND competencies outlined in the Clinical Nutrition Learning Activities.

Grading:
Your grade will be based on the Utah State University grading scale:

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Course Materials:
Assignments and other learning materials are in the USU online management system called Canvas: http://canvas.usu.edu. You will login with your A# and password.

**Required Texts/Resources: (All interns must purchase)**
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) membership. To join go to the Academy Student Membership page at http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/membership/membership-types-and-criteria/student-member; $58.00.


**Optional Texts/Recommended Resources:** May be helpful when completing your clinical rotation.


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